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*Whitehall, July* 23.

ON Monday the 19th Inſtant Mr. *Shephoard*, the Deputy-Governor of the *South-Sea Company*, with ſeveral of the Directors, attended Her Majeſty at *Kenſington*, and being introduced by the Moſt Hon. the Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, Governor of the ſaid Company, preſented to Her Majeſty the following Addreſs.

*To the* QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

*YOUR Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governor and Company of Merchants of* Great Britain *Trading to the* South-Seas *and other Parts of* America, *and for Encouraging the Fiſhery, in General Court aſſembled, have, with great Pleaſure and Satisfaction, been acquainted by a Letter from the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount* Bolingbroke, *Your Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State, That as a further Proof of Your Majeſty's Goodneſs and favourable Intentions towards them, and to Encourage to the utmoſt a vigorous Proſecution of the* Aſſiento *Trade, Your Majeſty has graciouſly Reſolved to Grant to this Company, that Fourth Part which, by the* Aſſiento, *You had reſerved to Your Self: For which, as well as for all other Inſtances of Your Royal Favour, and particularly for Your Majeſty's Sign Manual, whereby You have been graciouſly pleaſed to aſſiſt them with Four Men of War, for Tranſporting to the* Spaniſh Weſt Indies *their Factors and Merchandizes; they do (as they are indiſpenſibly oblig'd) return Your Majeſty their moſt dutiful and thankful Acknowledgments.*

*May GOD long preſerve Your Majeſty's moſt valuable Life, whereon the Welfare of Your Subjects and the Happineſs of* Europe *ſo much depend.*

To which Her Majeſty was pleaſed to give this Anſwer.

*I Thank you for your Addreſs. I wiſh you good Succeſs in carrying on your Trade, and Hope you will make a better Uſe than you have hitherto done, of what I have beſtowed upon you.*

*Madrid, July* 9. *N. S.* The King continues ſtill with the Prince of Aſturias and the two Infants in perfect Health at the Palace of the Pardo. His Majeſty has appointed Brigadier Mendoza to command in Ciudad-Rodrigo, during the abſence of the Governor Don Pedro Borras, who is ſent with a Commiſſion into Andaluſia. The Prince of Santo Bueno, Vice-Roy of Peru, is preparing to ſet out very ſoon for Cadiz, in order to embark for the Weſt Indies on board a Britiſh Man of War, which waits there to receive him. Very ſtrict Orders have been ſent from time to time to the Vice-Roys and Governors in the Weſt Indies, to put a ſtop to all clandeſtine Commerce which Foreigners, particularly the French, may endeavour to carry on in thoſe Kingdoms. Beſides the Cedula of October 1713, a new and a more rigorous One was iſſued in June laſt to Prohibit this kind of Trade. We hear, that notwithſtanding theſe Diſcouragements, ſome French Ships have ventur'd to go both to the South and North Seas, but as they have no permiſſion from this Court, it is not doubted but they will be Seiz'd and Confiſcated as ſome have been already; the Francis, a Ship belonging to the French Aſſiento Company, which came to Vera Cruz about the end of laſt Year under Pretence, of bringing Negroes, had Goods on Board to the Value of Fifty ſeven thouſand Piaſters, which were made Prize by the Governor; the Griffin, commanded by Monſieur Daire, who upon paying Fifty thouſand Crowns to the King of Spain, had Leave in March 1712, to carry Three hundred Tun of Goods to Vera Cruz, being arrived there, was ſearch'd by the Officers, who finding One hundred Tun on Board more than the Contract, confiſcated the ſame, and refus'd to take a Preſent of Twenty four thouſand Piaſters, which Monſieur Daire offer'd to give: This Cauſe is now before the Council here. A French Veſſel commanded by Monſieur Herard, with Negroes and Goods, was condemned in March laſt at Caracas, for bringing them thither. The ſame happened at Carthagena, to a Frigat call'd the Duke of Burgundy: At the Havana, to the two Frigats called the St. Lewis and the Subtile; and at Cuba, to a Ship nam'd the Dragon; whereby we hope that the Governors, by executing the King's Orders, will effectually put a Stop to ſuch Practices; and we hope, that when the Aſſiento-Contract made with Great Britain ſhall be put in Execution, the Powers therein granted will be a further Means of ſufficiently preventing this clandeſtine Trade. Letters from the Camp before Barcelona bring an account, that Mareſchal Berwick was expected there on the 6th Inſtant. The Inhabitants of the Town perſiſted in their Reſolution of defending themſelves to the laſt Extremity, and as they were very much ſtreightned for want of Proviſions, they had ſent away a great number of uſeleſs People in Boats to Majorca.

*Venice, July* 13. *N. S.* Signor Piſani, late Proveditor General of the Republick in Dalmatia and Albania, is arrived here, and hath given the Senate an account of his Tranſactions. Signor Emo, his Succeſſor, was Landed at Zara the Day before his departure from thence. Letters from Rome bring an account, that the Pope had conferred the Biſhoprick of Sinegaglia upon Cardinal Paracciani. Cardinal Scrotenbach was come from Freſcati, and was preparing to make his Publick Entry. On the 6th, Count Gallas, Ambaſſador of his Imperial Majeſty, had an Audience of the Pope. There had been warm Debates in the Congregation of the Eccleſiaſtical Immunities upon the Affairs of the Carmelitan Friars. They write from Naples, that the Country thereabouts had been very much damaged by the Flames of Sulphur, which were lately caſt from Mount Veſuvius. The Recruits deſign'd for the German Regiments in that Kingdom, were arrived at Manfredonia.

*Hamburgh, July* 24. *N. S.* The Duke-Adminiſtrator of Holſtein, who continues ſtill at this Place, hath diſpatch'd an Expreſs to recal Monſieur Goertz, his Miniſter at the Court of Berlin. We are informed, that the King of Denmark, having review'd his Troops at Bremerverde, was gone from thence to Oldenbourg. The King of Pruſſia is expected very ſoon at Hanover, where it is ſaid he will continue three Days. The Daniſh

Squadron